

**31A-21-313. Limitation of actions.**

(1) An action on a written policy or contract of first party insurance shall be commenced within three years after the inception of the loss.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (1) or elsewhere in this title, the law applicable to limitation of actions in Title 78B, Chapter 2, Statutes of Limitations, applies to actions on insurance policies.

(3) An insurance policy may not:

(a) limit the time for beginning an action on the policy to a time less than that authorized by statute;

(b) prescribe in what court an action may be brought on the policy; or

(c) provide that no action may be brought, subject to permissible arbitration provisions in contracts.

(4) Unless by verified complaint it is alleged that prejudice to the complainant will arise from a delay in bringing suit against an insurer, which prejudice is other than the delay itself, no action may be brought against an insurer on an insurance policy to compel payment under the policy until the earlier of:

(a) 60 days after proof of loss has been furnished as required under the policy;

(b) waiver by the insurer of proof of loss; or

(c) the insurer's denial of full payment.

(5) The period of limitation is tolled during the period in which the parties conduct an appraisal or arbitration procedure prescribed by the insurance policy, by law, or as agreed to by the parties.

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